The Vicar's Letter

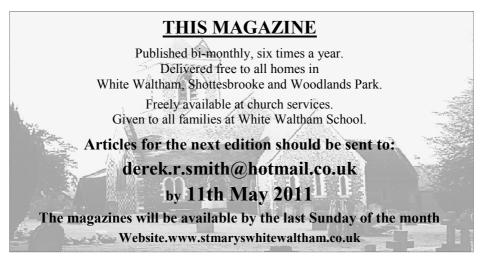
The Vicarage, Waltham Road, (corner of Foliejohn Way) Woodlands Park Telephone 01628 822000

Dear Friends,

I have just heard the speaker in a 'God slot' on the radio talking about death. He began by suggesting that it is commonly assumed that Christians don't really believe in death at all. Instead, he said, people think that Christians believe that when we die we go on living in some other realm or some disembodied form. And he went on: "Just to be clear: I believe nothing of the sort.... When you die, you die."

At this point, I was almost ready to applaud. Popular ideas about death, many of which are vaguely thought to be 'Christian', are often a long way from what the Bible really teaches about death. In particular, the idea that death is no big deal is actually a big lie, the product of wishful thinking and a misguided desire to offer some sort of comfort to the bereaved.

But then the speaker went on to suggest that we should not find the reality of death depressing, because he felt that it is actually essential to living life fully. And that is where I have to part company with him, because the Bible — while certainly commending the wisdom of living life in the conscious awareness of its eventual end — sees death as a monstrous evil: a very real tragedy and a very real enemy.



Indeed, it goes further, and describes death as being like a tyrant, holding human beings in slavery through fear. And this is why it is important not to downplay the reality of death. Because to do so — to pretend that it doesn't really exist or that it isn't really so bad — is to collude with it.

As is the case with all tyrants, collusion can seem attractive, because it makes things a bit easier in the present. But it also leaves the tyrant unchallenged, and the tyranny free to continue. It makes us blind to the possibility of something better, of freedom.

And freedom from the tyranny of death is precisely what Jesus offers. It is why he came. It is at the heart of the Christian good news of Easter. Christians don't believe that death isn't real — they know that it is all too real. But they also know that Jesus has defeated it. That his resurrection has dealt it a mortal blow. That even if we have to suffer it ourselves, it still won't have the last word, because we too can share in a future resurrection.

And let us be clear about this too: when the Bible talks about 'resurrection' it doesn't just mean carrying on living in some form beyond death — it means undoing death, rising again to a new, physical life with a new physical body in a renewed and perfected world.

That is the true Christian hope, and it really is something to celebrate. Have a joyful Easter!

David Andrew



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Our membership is forty so we are a very happy and thriving club. With an excellent programme for the coming year which has been arranged by Jenny and me, this will give members an added incentive to come to all our meetings.

On February 9th Mr Dixon came and gave us a talk with illustrated slides on the heroism of horses, birds and cats during the Great War. He was certainly an excellent speaker so there was no reason for members to fall asleep that afternoon. On February 23rd Gordon as usual ran the Bingo.

On March 9th Mr King spoke on going shopping with the Victorians and a look at what still remains with us today.

Future Fixtures

April 20th	Demonstration on Continental Chocolate with Mr Whelpton		
May 4th	Life in the Canadian Artic with Elaine Mordant.		
May 18th	Quiz & Bring and Buy		
June 15 th	Coach Outing Pick Up 11.00am		
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Woodlands Park Primary School



Once again a busy term at School. The pupils are continuing to work hard to maintain and build upon the excellent standards we are achieving. We have also welcomed many new families to the school this term.

Woodlands Park pupils and staff are taking part in an exciting project with the British Council called Connecting Classrooms and we have been linked to a school in Lebanon. In early March Amani Hamadi, a representative from the Imam Jaafar Al Sadek School visited our school to share some information about her own school and to find out about Woodlands Park. In November, one of our teachers will be visiting Amani's school in Lebanon. Meanwhile, the children from both schools will be writing to each other, completing similar school projects and keeping in touch via the British Council website.

Our Year One and Two children took part in the Borough Dance Festival which was a great success. The theme was Olympic Dreams and our children gave a fantastic performance to the Heather Small song 'Proud'. The children's dance skills and their impeccable behaviour on the day, made us all feel very 'Proud'. Our work on the outside environment is progressing and over the course of two weekend's staff, parents and pupils came into school to help erect a poly tunnel to enable us to continue to grow fruit and vegetables throughout the year. This will increase our capacity to supply our own kitchen with fresh food and also ensure that we are using local produce.

The creative curriculum is once again in full swing at Woodlands Park and the Foundation Unit and Key Stage One children are finding out about, creating, drawing, painting and even being dinosaurs. There seem to be some very strange eggs being laid in our wild area! Key Stage Two are thinking about the environment now and in the past with the themes 'Good to Be Green', 'Water' and 'The Victorian Farm'.

This term's residential trips will include a week away in Wales for the year fives and sixes and an overnight camp at The Forest School in Marlow for the year threes and fours.

There is always something exciting going on at Woodlands Park and visitors to the school are warmly welcomed. Please feel free to contact us to arrange a visit so that you can look around and meet our wonderful pupils and staff.

Alison Penny Headteacher ST MARYS CHURCH WHITE WALTHAM

Project Rainbow Progress Report

at

White Waltham Church

on

Sunday 8 May at 4pm

and

Monday 9 May at 8pm

Come along and find out what's happening on Project Rainbow one year on from the launch.

www.projectrainbow.org.uk



Cox Green Townswomen's Guild

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.45 p.m. at Cox Green Community Centre For further information please contact the Secretary, Jean Chant, 17 Stratford Gardens, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 3DT Tel: 01628 639583

All the usual Arts & Crafts, Card Games, Walks and Pub Lunches continue throughout the year.

The Programme for April - May is as follows:-

April 21st	Unwanted Guests in Historic Houses. Speaker David Pinniger.
May 19th	High Times at Heathrow. Speaker Sheila Kennedy
Events & Holida	ys also being planned include as follows:-
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June 2011Trip to Amalfi Coast of Italy.

August 2011 Trip to Isle of Wight.

For further details contact me on 01628 639583.

Jean Chant.

Bee Aware

As the seasons change and the light and warmth have more of a presence the swarming season for the Honey Bee will begin, normally in late April, and will run through to mid-June. These swarms are an attempt to establish new colonies and will have derived from somewhere close by. I would very much like to help keep these Bees in our local area by giving them a new home at Waltham Place. And to avoid having the swarm destroyed by Pest control.

If you come across a swarm over the next few months please contact me on **07787184706**. And I will do everything I can to find them a new home and take them out of harm's way.

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<u>White Waltham C E</u> <u>Primary School</u>



Spring is here! With the sun shining outside and the daffodils poking their heads up through the ground one realises how the term is rushing by.

We started the term by dressing up on Thursday 3rd and Friday March 4th as one of the 'Where's Wally' characters to mark World Book day which was on the 3rd March. On Friday 4th March the children had great fun working together designing and producing our own 'Where's Wally' page. We are looking forward to the 1st of April when we will be sharing some of our writing with our parents in the afternoon.

We have also been very busy in the 'Outdoor' classroom and flower beds. Once again, we have been working with Kath White and Waltham Place to get our seeds in so that we will have some summer crops. Some of our families gave up their Saturday morning at the start of term to cement in our beautiful painted stones that were made during our 'Van Gogh' days. We also helped start the frame of our bridge which will create an interesting feature in our sensory garden.

On the sporting front, we continue to play a variety of sports from football, tag-rugby to multi-skills and netball. We have also had the pleasure of competing against our local schools at a variety of different sporting tournaments. Our children have also been developing their cycling skills, with a number of year 5 & 6 pupils completing a week of either level 1 or 2 cycling proficiency training. Our children have also been busy on the cultural side taking part in a variety of drama and dance workshops from Musical Tales to Bollywood dancing. Some of our choir, year 3 & 5 children have taken part in a massed choir at the Hexagon in support of the Rotary club. The choir are also taking part in a competition at the end of March.

We are looking forward to our Fun Run at the start of April, a School Council & Healthy Schools Event to help raise funds for new toilets for the children.

May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to any visitors to our school. If you would like any further information on our events in school, please telephone the school office on 01628 822533, or have a look at our website at:

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Isabel Cooke

Headteacher



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7 facts on fostering...

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- It doesn't matter if you are married or single or in a same sex partnership.
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- You will be fully supported by a PACT social worker throughout the whole process.
- It takes around 6 months to become an approved PACT foster carer.
- It doesn't matter what ethnicity you are, there are children from many different backgrounds that need fostering.

A good foster carer can really change a child's life. If you want to find out more then contact PACT now on 0800 731 1845 email fostering@pactcharity.org or visit www.pactcharity.org

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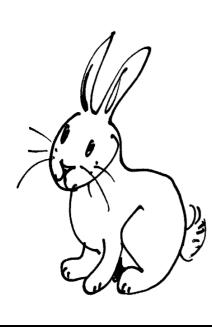
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The Awesomeness of God!!

Now I have never done this before, the words that follow are not written by me but received in a recent email. I hope that you will find them interesting and challenging.

IN CHEMISTRY...

HE TURNED WATER INTO WINE

IN BIOLOGY

HE WAS BORN WITHOUT THE NORMAL CONCEPTION

IN PHYSICS...

HE DISPROVED THE LAW OF GRAVITY WHEN HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

IN ECONOMICS...

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IN MEDICINE...

HE CURED THE SICK AND THE BLIND WITHOUT ADMINISTERING A SINGLE DOSE OF DRUGS

IN HISTORY

HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END

IN GOVERNMENT ...

HE SAID THAT HE SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, PRINCE OF PEACE

IN RELIGION...

HE SAID NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH HIM

SO: WHO IS HE?

HE IS JESUS!

JOIN ME AND LET'S CELEBRATE HIM

HE IS WORTHY

IN GOD I'VE FOUND EVERYTHING!

The Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master. Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today. I feel honoured to serve such a Leader who loves us!

Just remember that Jesus said: "If you deny me before man, I will deny you before my Father in Heaven."

God's blessing is overflowing! Have a Blessed Day.

From Eric Green

'BE NOT AFRAID...'

'There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.' 1 John 4:18

We all have those things of which we are afraid - spiders, heights, poverty... each to be overcome though, in its own way. It's of some relief to me that I live in a place that does not abound in predators with sharp teeth - although I frequently find other people's dogs quite menacing ("He's only being friendly."). I've long held the belief that we can classify animals according to whether they approach or retreat. The former often prove to be aggressive, whilst in the case of the latter their own innate fear serves to protect them.

Fear may be regarded as a part of the human condition. The child who is bullied is exposed to something terrifying - experiencing fear in the extreme: in school, the dread of 'playtime', and the kicks and punches on the homeward journey. We must ask ourselves why such things happen; it is not easy to enter the mind of the bully. The motivation is not always clear; perhaps it may just be attributed to seeking fulfilment of the ability to terrify and the ease with which it may be administered - turning a vulnerability to an unreasonable advantage.

It is so commonplace to capitalize on fear; threats are used to gain an advantage over others. "Do as I say or else..." If we find ourselves at gun or knifepoint, death really does seem a possibility. Certainly the mental torture involved when such a threat is made can be incalculable. Many working behind Post Office counters will confirm this. Where fear is used as a means of coercion it has to be seen as something extreme - and in its ultimate form, the death threat, it is often used by a body to promote a suspect and perverted ideology - aiming to win followers.

We are considering an abuse of fear - and additionally are encountering the erroneous belief that by sowing a state of acute trepidation within the hearts of individuals they are genuinely being converted to the cause.

Most of us are frightened of death and when it seems imminent and survival unlikely, we are often robbed of our ability to reason effectively. Suddenly our mortality confronts us. We might equate fear of death with a fear of the unknown.

Because he was fully human, Jesus knew fear - terror filled his own heart as he prayed in those final moments in Gethsemane, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me." The agony of his impending torture and crucifixion are soon overcome by his acceptance of God's sovereign will that he must die for the sake of the world - love prevails, unconditional love.

We read in John's Gospel (13:34) of Jesus' earnest appeal to "Love one another... all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." It will be seen that, if we show any disregard for human life and feeling we are not in harmony with God's will, and such a rejection of the Divine appeal to love one another can only be regarded as a flagrant and unthinking dismissal of God's plan for mankind.

"Be not afraid of those that kill the body and after that there is no more that they can do." Luke 12:4

Bob Packer.



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

Flower Guild

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Flower Guild Workshop

The next Flower Guild workshop will be held in White Waltham church on Saturday 2nd April. Come for coffee and cake at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. For details please ring Liz or Julia on the numbers below.

Flower Guild Fund-raiser

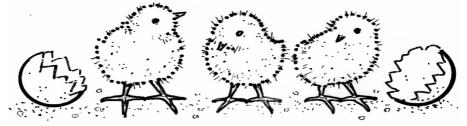
The Flower Guild fund-raiser this year will be held during the afternoon of Saturday 11th June. Carolyn Thompson has kindly offered her garden at Spire View, Waltham Road, White Waltham for afternoon tea.

There will be refreshments, cake and plant stalls, flower arranging demonstrations and a raffle. More details will be published nearer the date.

Bring your friends - all are welcome

If you have any questions about any of the Flower Guild activities.

Please Contact:-Líz Atlay 01628 778462 or Julía Hodgson 01628 821058





Project Rainbow is White Waltham church's project to construct purpose built accommodation for the church's children's and young people's activities and for other church-related activities which will enable St Mary's, White Waltham, to better serve its local community.

Latest News

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP is now a Patron of Project Rainbow!

Recent events

The Project Rainbow **Quiz Sheet** raised £150. The winner was Mary Purdie and her friends who won £15 which they very kindly donated back to Project Rainbow! The answers are available at www.projectrainbow.org.uk.

Our **Antiques Evening** took place in January with Antiques expert, Guy Haskell from Bonhams in Henley. The evening was a great success and raised £710 for Project Rainbow.

In February we had a wonderful **Tea-Time Concert** with music courtesy of Peter Dodsworth, Neil Pennock, Jennifer Miles and their friends. The concert raised £250 for Project Rainbow.

Coming up....

We have more events planned for 2011 including:

- A Coffee Morning at Christian Smith House on Wednesday 6 April at 10.30 am. Cakes and preserves will be available to buy and there will be a raffle. Everyone is welcome.
- A concert by pupils of Berkshire Maestros on Saturday 21 May at 5pm in White Waltham Church. Entry will be by ticket. See the posters in early May for further information. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle.
- A summer Quiz Sheet will also be available from May. You will be able to download the Quiz Sheet from the website or Quiz Sheets will be available from the Church and the Community Centre.
- A Project Rainbow stall at the Church Fete on Saturday 16 July on the Cricket Pitch in White Waltham. Do come and visit us!

• The Rainbow Bike Ride 2011. You will shortly have the opportunity to sponsor the Andrew Family on their 1,000 mile ride. The theme for the ride is "bridges" and the Andrew family are asking readers to make suggestions of interesting bridges of all sizes to visit on their route around the country. You can drop your suggestions in at the vicarage or email them to info@projectrainbow.org.uk.



If you have any fund raising ideas we love to hear about them - do call Bob on 676117 or email them to info@projectrainbow.org.uk.

To keep up to date with all Project Rainbow events, check out our website or see future editions of this Magazine.

We are planning a survey to find out about how we can meet the needs of Parishioners through Project Rainbow and would love to have your views. Please do take a few minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire in the next issue of this magazine.

Project Rainbow progress....

Since launching Project Rainbow on 16 May 2010, we have raised over a fifth of the £492,500 total needed for the project.

To make a gift to Project Rainbow you can either complete the form in the giving packs available from the Church, The Vicarage and Woodlands Park Village Centre or give online via our website.

You can make a difference to your local community by making a oneoff gift to Project Rainbow or by giving a small amount monthly by regular standing order. Through Gift Aid we can make more of your gift by claiming back the tax you have already paid on it.

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Tales from the Bells



Hopefully by the time you read this spring will be on its way. We will be ringing for Easter Day. But it is at this time of the year when we do not ring the bells during Holy Week. We do not ring them as it is the week that Jesus was betrayed, crucified, put to death on the cross.

On Easter Day we will ring the bells again to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We will try and ring Quarter Peals at White Waltham and Shottesbrooke Churches.

Also it will be the start of the peak season for the majority of weddings. One wedding we hope to ring for will be the marriage of Prince William to Kate Middleton. I'm hoping that we will do a Quarter Peal to celebrate this special occasion. We wish them well for the future.

During the longer days of spring and summer we go on ringers' outings and usually try to visit at least five towers during the day with a break for lunch.

When I go out on these trips I can tell how heavy the bells might be by looking in a directory for towers called 'Doves', and in this book it informs a ringer the weight of the Tenor bell (the heaviest one), how many bells might be in the tower (usually it is something like 6 or 8 bells) and if it is a ground floor ring. The directory also lets the ringer know what night a tower might practice on.

I am always keen to hear from anyone who is still thinking of taking up bell ringing or any lapsed ringers who wish to return. If you are worried about being a little rusty I would be only too happy to arrange for an individual session at White Waltham so that you can refresh your skills.

If you are interested in learning or returning to ringing and would like more details, my number and e-mail address is in the back of the magazine. We practice on Friday nights from 7.30pm till 9pm. Initial training is given at White Waltham and would be from 7pm. Just give me a call or email me for more details.

Lesley Graves, Tower Captain, White Waltham

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What's On

Coffee Morning at Christian Smith House

Wednesday 6 April at 10.30am.

Andy Eden London Marathon Run

On Sunday 17 April Andy Eden is running for Project Rainbow!

Project Rainbow Summer Quiz Sheets

Closing date for entries is 30 September 2011. Available in May and from www.projectrainbow.org.uk.

Project Rainbow Progress Report!

Sunday 8 May at 4pm and Monday 9 May at 8pm in Church. Report on progress one year on from launch.

Berkshire Maestros Concert

Saturday 21 May, 5 pm at White Waltham Church. Entry by ticket. Refreshments & raffle.

www.projectrainbow.org.uk

Please do support Project Rainbow through these events!

Hurley & Walthams Ward

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The last time we wrote to you was before Christmas which now seems so far away. Already the spring flowers are in bloom and there is so much to look forward to with Easter around the corner.

From a Councillor's point of view there continues to be so much going on both at local level and in the Council.

LOCAL ISSUES

Woodland Park Ave Footpath

Excellent news. After many years of resident's concerns for pedestrian safety on the Avenue, works have now started on the construction of a footpath.

Footpath petition

You may have read in the local paper that a petition for widening the footpath on the Waltham Rd between Foliejohn Way and Woodlands Park Shops was handed to the Council by Cllr Etherington. We know the narrow width of this footpath is a long-standing problem and the obvious answer would be for residents to donate part of their front gardens. Without this an extension to the footpath would incur the road having to be widened on the opposite side where there is already a footpath. This operation would be very costly to the council tax payer plus there would be road works for quite some time on this stretch.

We are awaiting the options that will be put forward from the Highways officers and engineers for a way forward.

<u>Roads</u>

We have all seen the detrimental impact the harsh winter weather had on our roads. Your Councillors have been busy notifying the council of pot holes that need repairing and we are very pleased to report repairs have been done very quickly.

A planned summer resurfacing program will take place throughout the summer.

Church Hill has been resurfaced and if you are aware of any roads that do need repair work please do get in touch with us.

White Waltham Airfield

The West London Aero Club (WLAC) at the Airfield has leased the hangars near the entrance of the airfield for a new enterprise. A high tech. simulator will be used for training and refresher courses for pilots and also vouchers can be purchased as gifts.

Two new hangars are proposed on the airfield adjacent to the Waltham Rd and opposite Manifold Way. Cllr Maureen Hunt is a member of the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee and was concerned that residents' views may be impacted. A letter from the WLAC has now been sent to residents whose properties face the airfield between the Waltham Rd and the Community Centre asking for comments and inviting the residents to meet with the West London Aero Club.

Airport operators such as White Waltham Airfield benefit from "permitted development" rights under Government legislation and can erect operational buildings without the need for a planning application.

<u>Roundabout in Foliejohn Way</u>

Concerns have been raised about the number of cars parking on or around the roundabout. Your Councillors have asked the Highways engineers to look at this issue for more car parking spaces which are very much needed here.

COUNCIL NEWS

We have listed the relevant news items from the Council that we feel may be of interest to you.

A new initiative to provide employment for ex-offenders

The Royal Borough launched this innovative scheme in January on a temporary six-month contract in conjunction with social enterprise Blue Sky and the council's grounds maintenance contractors ISS Facilities. This will give employment to five ex-offenders aged between 18 and 25 years to work on the upkeep of the borough's cemeteries, parks and green open spaces.

Sports Bug Fortnight

This will run from **Saturday 14 May until Friday 27 May** for two weeks at leisure centres, sports clubs and community centres across the borough. The focus is to encourage particularly the young people and families to sign up for free taster sessions during the fortnight.

Return to Sport in RBWM

New this year – This scheme is to encourage more adults to take part in sport and join their local clubs. Starts Sat. 2 April until Sunday 10 April. These two sessions will give all age groups a chance to kick-start an interest in sport – whether trying a sport for the first time or coming back to a different sport after a break. For further information on the two schemes contact Sports Development Officer on 01753 778565 or email <u>Helen.preedy@rbwm.gov.uk</u>

Apprenticeship schemes

The Mayor and Chief Executive recently visited Centrica in support of the work of the National Apprenticeship Service and looking for ways to increase participation. British Gas, a Centrica subsidiary, is creating 530 new apprenticeships nationwide this year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about apprenticeships can visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk or call 08000 150600.

Charles Ward at St Mark's Hospital

You may have read about the proposed closure of Charles Ward, however the council is committed to local services for local people and will be making the strongest possible objection to any proposal to close Charles Ward at St Mark's.

<u>New CareBank Scheme</u>

The Royal Borough will pioneer an innovative scheme that will enable local people to lead the way in caring by providing help and support for one another – and earning 'time credits' that they can use either for themselves or their families. It will allow volunteers to support people with low level care needs to enable them to live as independently as possible in their own homes and retain a quality of life and well-being.

Volunteers will be able to register with CareBank and help out with things like shopping, cooking, housework and gardening and earn credits for the time they devote to supporting older and more vulnerable residents. These time credits would then be 'banked' and used in a number of different ways, for example:

- saved for the volunteer's own or their family's care needs in the future
- used for a range of different services and activities, eg free swims or gym membership
- or, when the scheme is eventually rolled out nationally, donated for the care of a family member living in another part of the country through a country-wide exchange scheme.

This scheme will be launched in September.

Council Elections are being held on 5th May and we write to thank all residents for their support and help on the many issues that the Parish has had over the last four years. It has been a honour to represent you at the Council and we do hope that we will be able to continue to represent you for the next four years.

Maureen Hunt, Paul Etherington, Hazel Wilson.

White Waltham Village Association

Forthcoming Events.....

Thursday 5th May – 8 p.m. '**My Day at the Palace'** At White Waltham Parish Hall

An entertaining evening with Joan Hobson telling us about how and when she was awarded her MBE. Tickets £5 including refreshments available on the door.

Friday 17th June 7p.m. St Mary's Church White Waltham

Interesting facts and stories about our Churchyard – a tour and talk by Tony Hill Followed by a Barbecue at the Ormandy Centre Tickets £5 including refreshments – barbecue extra

Saturday 2nd July Waltham Place - Picnic at the Place

5.30 p.m. Gates Open. 6 p.m. Cox Green Jazz Band 7.30 p.m. 'The Noisy Boys' Barbecue and Bar

For more information on our events see our website: <u>http://web.mac.com/deltaj/WWVA</u> or contact Carolyn Thompson on 07834 545967. **Christian Aid Week**



2011



I recently attended a Christian Aid meeting in Maidenhead. What immediately struck me was how young, apart from the International Director, the presenters were, and how enthusiastic! They were all from the Oxford office.

The second thing I noticed was on the whole, what a lot of elderly people were there!

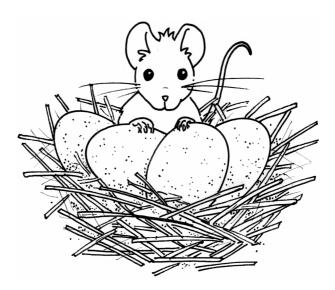
We all did our best to keep up with the presenters who gave us accounts, with films of their visits to places that had been greatly helped by Christian Aid.

Money collected never goes directly to the governments, but is handled by Christian Aid representatives, who teach the people how to use machinery etc., also build or re-build their homes and replant the land, after earthquake damage.

Much money is also used for new sewerage schemes and good water supplies, along with medical needs. We can be assured that no money ever finds its way into armaments

This year the House to House Collection is from:-Sunday May 15th to Saturday May 21st. Please be as generous as you can.

Doreen Hill





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Secretary's Report 7th March 2011

Last year was an undeniably a jolly one for the White Waltham and Shottesbrooke Guild, as you can see from the following highlights:

- our very own Antiques Roadshow;
- Royal Ascot Ladies' Day Afternoon Tea;
- a flower-filled morning in an award-winning Holyport garden;
- an informative, guided walk around St Mary's Churchyard;
- Poppy Day at Shottesbrooke Park;
- Easter lunch at the Airfield;
- Christmas lunch in the Parish Hall, complete with a wreath-making session by Trina Noyes of Crazies Hill and carols by the talented choir of White Waltham School;
- and most fun of all Swan Lake on Ice at the Wycombe Swan.

What a brilliant time we had! And we have been particularly blessed with an energetic and lovely influx of newcomers - welcome to you all. The only sadness of 2010 was the death of Creina Wagener, one of our particularly lively members of the Guild. She was a great character, with always so much to talk about.

For those of you who don't know about us, we are an informal but charming (well, I think we are!) group of over 60s who meet roughly once a month for coffee mornings at a variety of homes around White Waltham and Shottesbrooke. On these occasions, we have a raffle, bring & buy table and the opportunity to chat with old and new friends. Entry is $\pounds 1$.

On top of that, we organise Easter and Christmas lunches and a few other special events throughout the 12 months. Already this year we have had Clare Finzi, an Alexander Technique teacher from Holyport, explain to us how to get rid of some of our aches and pains by sitting and standing properly - not as easy as it sounds, believe you me!

If you would like to join our merry band, please do not hesitate to contact Emma Donald on 01628 820354 or at <u>emmadonald@me.com</u> for details of forthcoming events and coffee mornings.

Emma Donald



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St Mary's Church, White Waltham



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Joan would also like to hear from regular attenders who are able to offer lifts.



GRASS CUTTING

St. Mary's Church, White Waltham, has a large churchyard which looks very nice when the grass is cut. Should anyone like to join the voluntary team who carry out this work we would be very grateful to hear from them!



Please ring 0118 934 3704

You could be advertising here

Contact Bob Crittenden on Maidenhead 676117 or email bobcrittenden@aol.com

St Marys Churchyard

It is that time of the year when you start thinking about preparing the garden for spring. It has been a long cold winter and we are now seeing the encouraging signs that spring is on its way.

Over the past couple of weeks the volunteers who help maintain our Churchyard have been out in the church's garden (Churchyard) doing their bit to tidy up after winter and cut back some of the overgrowing trees, bushes and nettles. We hope you appreciate the fact that these volunteers give of their time freely and keep our Churchyard looking well-kept and cared for.

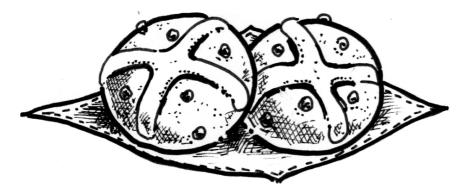
Can we ask visitors to the Churchyard to make sure that any rubbish is placed in the Wheelie Bins by the top gateway and not discarded in the Churchyard grounds. We want you to be able to visit and enjoy the peace and serenity of this Holy Place. We do not wish it to be spoiled by discarded rubbish.

Thank you.

Parish Register Baptism

White Waltham

February 13th Thomas James, son of Colin and Kate Bailey



Church Service Rota April & May						
	8.00 am White Waltham	9.30 am Shottesbrooke	11.00 am White Waltham	Afternoon/ Evening		
3 April	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer BCP	Mothering Sunday Family Service			
Sunday 10 April	Unite 11.					
Sunday 17 April	Holy Communion BCP	owed by Lunch and Al Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer			
Maundy Thursday 21 April				8.00 p.m. at White Waltham Holy Communion		
Good Friday 22 April			10.00 am The way to the Cross for all ages	12.00-3.00 pm Three Hours Service at White Waltham		
Easter Day 24 April	Holy Communion CW	Holy Communion BCP	Family Service followed by short Holy Communion			
Sunday 1 May	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer			
Sunday 8 May	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Morning Prayer			
Sunday 15 May	Holy Communion BCP		Holy Communion	Shottesbrooke 6.30 pm Evensong BCP		
Sunday 22 May	Holy Communion CW	Morning Prayer BCP	Morning Prayer			
Sunday 29 May	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion			
Ascension Day Thursday 2 June				8.00 pm at Shottesbrooke Holy Communion		

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